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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ET SO CH UR  
SUBJ: CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER BLASTS SOVIET ACTIONS IN HORN OF  
AFRICA

1. THE PRC HAS LAUNCHED ITS MOST OFFICIAL DENUNCIATION  
TO DATE OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE HORN OF AFRICA.  
DURING A BANQUET SPEECH WELCOMING VISITING BURUNDI  
FOREIGN MINISTER MUGANGA, PRC FOREIGN MINISTER  
HUANG HUA CHARGED THAT "THE SUPERPOWER WHICH IS  
FLAUNTING THE SIGN-BOARD OF SOCIALISM IS AIRLIFTING  
LARGE QUANTITIES OF PERSONNEL AND ARMS TO THAT AREA  
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(THE HORN) IN AN ATTEMPT TO PROVOKE A WAR ON AN EVEN  
LARGER SCALE....ITS AIM IS TO CONTROL THE HORN OF  
AFRICA AND THE RED SEA STRAITS AND COMPLETE  
ITS STRATEGIC DEPLOYMENT FOR SEIZING THE OIL RESOURCES  
THERE AND CARRYING OUT ITS FURTHER EXPANSION IN AFRICA  
AND ITS CONTENTION FOR WORLD HEGEMONY." HE WENT ON TO  
CALL FOR PEACEFUL CONSULTATIONS FREE FROM OUTSIDE INTER-

REFERENCE IN ORDER TO SOLVE THE DISPUTE.

2. HUANG'S LINE IS NOT A NEW ONE, HAVING BEEN STATED IN JANUARY 11 NCNA COMMENTARY AND REINFORCED THROUGH ALMOST DAILY ARTICLES CITING FOREIGN PUBLIC OPINION. IT IS ALSO SIMILAR TO STATEMENTS MADE BY VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING TO FRENCH DURING RECENT VISIT OF PREMIER BARRE. IT NEVERTHELESS REPRESENTS THE FIRST TIME A PRC LEADER HAS SPOKEN OUT PUBLICLY ON THE SUBJECT.

3. CHINESE HAVE AVOIDED MAKING DIRECT PUBLIC ATTACKS ON THE SOVIET UNION DURING MOST RECENT VISITS BY FOREIGN STATE LEADERS. DURING LAST VISIT BY AN AFRICAN LEADER, FOR INSTANCE, THAT OF CAMEROONS PRESIDENT AHIDJU LAST OCTOBER, THE TWO SUPERPOWERS WERE DENOUNCED IN AN EVENHANDED AND RELATIVELY MILD FASHION. THE PRC HAS EVIDENTLY DECIDED THAT IT IS TIME ONCE AGAIN TO TRY TO MUSTER AFRICAN SUPPORT AGAINST A NEW SOVIET PUSH INTO AFRICA.  
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